

"(4) SALE OF OBLIGATIONS.—Any obligation acquired by the Fund may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury at the market price.

"(5) CREDITS TO FUND.—The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund."

SEC. 7. USE OF THE INSTITUTE BY A FEDERAL AGENCY.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 (20 U.S.C. 5601 et seq.) (as amended by section 6) is amended by inserting after section 10 the following:

"SEC. 11. USE OF THE INSTITUTE BY A FEDERAL AGENCY.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—A Federal agency may use the Foundation and the Institute to provide assessment, medication, or other related services in connection with a dispute or conflict related to the environment, public lands, or natural resources.

"(b) PAYMENT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A Federal agency may enter into a contract and expend funds to obtain the services of the Institute.

"(2) PAYMENT INTO ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND.—A payment from an executive agency on a contract entered into under paragraph (1) shall be paid into the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund established under section 10.

"(c) NOTIFICATION AND CONCURRENCE.—

"(1) NOTIFICATION.—An agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government shall notify the chairperson of the President's Council on Environmental Quality when using the Foundation or the Institute to provide the services described in subsection (a).

"(2) NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS.—In a matter involving 2 or more agencies or instrumentalities of the Federal Government, notification under paragraph (1) shall include a written description of—

"(A) the issues and parties involved;

"(B) prior efforts, if any, undertaken by the agency to resolve or address the issue or issues;

"(C) all Federal agencies or instrumentalities with a direct interest or involvement in the matter and a statement that all Federal agencies or instrumentalities agree to dispute resolution; and

"(D) other relevant information.

"(3) CONCURRENCE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In a matter that involves 2 or more agencies or instrumentalities of the Federal Government (including branches or divisions of a single agency or instrumentality), the agencies or instrumentalities of the Federal Government shall obtain the concurrence of the chairperson of the President's Council on Environmental Quality before using the Foundation or Institute to provide the services described in subsection (a).

"(B) INDICATION OF CONCURRENCE OR NONCONCURRENCE.—The chairperson of the President's Council on Environmental Quality shall indicate concurrence or nonconcurrence under subparagraph (A) not later than 20 days after receiving notice under paragraph (2).

"(d) EXCEPTIONS.—

"(1) LEGAL ISSUES AND ENFORCEMENT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A dispute or conflict involving agencies or instrumentalities of the Federal Government (including branches or divisions of a single agency or instrumentality) that concern purely legal issues or matters, interpretation or determination of law, or enforcement of law by 1 agency against another agency shall not be submitted to the Foundation or Institute.

"(B) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply to a dispute or conflict concerning—

"(ii) agency implementation of a program or project;

"(iii) a matter involving 2 or more agencies with parallel authority requiring facilitation and coordination of the various government agencies; or

"(iv) a nonlegal policy or decisionmaking matter that involves 2 or more agencies that are jointly operating a project.

"(2) OTHER MANDATED MECHANISMS OR AVENUES.—A dispute or conflict involving agencies or instrumentalities of the Federal Government (including branches or divisions of a single agency or instrumentality) for which Congress by law has mandated another dispute resolution mechanism or avenue to address or resolve shall not be submitted to the Foundation or Institute."

SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13 of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 (as redesignated by section 6(a)) is amended—

"(1) by striking "There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund" and inserting the following:

"(A) TRUST FUND.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Trust Fund"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund established under section 10—

"(1) \$4,250,000, for fiscal year 1998, of which—

"(A) \$3,000,000 shall be for capitalization; and

"(B) \$1,250,000 shall be for operation costs; and

"(2) \$1,250,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002 for operation costs."

SEC. 9. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) The second sentence of section 8(a) of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 (20 U.S.C. 5606) is amended—

(1) by striking "fund" and inserting "Trust Fund"; and

(2) by striking "section 11" and inserting "section 13(a)".

(b) Sections 7(a)(6), 8(b), and 9(a) of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 (20 U.S.C. 5605(a)(6), 5606(b), 5607(a)) are each amended by striking "Fund" and inserting "Trust Fund" each place it appears.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. CON. RES. 17 AND H.R. 2687

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor from H. Con. Res. 17 and H.R. 2687.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2697

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 2697.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3000

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed from H.R. 3000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

CONSIDERING MEMBER AS FIRST SPONSOR H. CON. RES. 47

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent I might hereafter be considered as first sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 47, a bill originally represented by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOGLIETTA] of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

DISAPPROVING CANCELLATIONS TRANSMITTED BY PRESIDENT ON OCTOBER 6, 1997—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-172)

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 2631, "An Act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45."

Under the authority of the Line Item Veto Act, on October 6, 1997, I canceled 38 military construction projects to save the taxpayers \$287 million. The bill would restore all of the 38 projects.

The projects in this bill would not substantially improve the quality of life of military service members and their families, and most of them would not likely use funds for construction in FY 1998. While the bill does restore funding for projects that were canceled based on outdated information provided by the Department of Defense, I do not endorse restoration of all 38 projects.

The Administration remains committed to working with the Congress to restore funding for those projects that were canceled as a result of data provided by the Department of Defense that was out of date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 13, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread